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**VIA ELECTRONIC FILING**

Jocelyn G. Boyd, Esquire  
Chief Clerk & Administrator  
Public Service Commission of South Carolina  
101 Executive Center Drive, Suite 100  
Columbia, South Carolina 29210

**Re: Annual Review of Base Rates for Fuel Costs for South Carolina Electric & Gas Company  
Docket No. 2017-2-E**

Dear Ms. Boyd:

By this letter, the South Carolina Office of Regulatory Staff ("ORS") hereby notifies the Public Service Commission of South Carolina ("Commission") that ORS has reviewed the filing submitted by SolBright Energy Solutions, LLC ("SolBright") in the above referenced Docket.

SolBright requests that the Public Service Commission of South Carolina ("Commission") grant an extension of time, from April 27, 2018, until and including August 25, 2018, to connect its solar facilities to South Carolina Electric & Gas Company's ("SCE&G") system. In Order No. 2017-246, the Commission approved an indefinite suspension of the Rider to Retail Rates - Bill Credit Agreement for Renewable Energy Facilities. In addition, Order No. 2017-246 allowed customers already approved by SCE&G to participate in the BCA program, twelve (12) months from the date of the Commission Order to successfully interconnect their facilities to SCE&G's system. The date of the Commission Order was April 27, 2017, and under the current BCA tariff language, customers have until April 27, 2018, to interconnect with SCE&G.

SolBright indicates via its request that it has encountered time delays beyond its control and cannot connect its facilities to SCE&G's system by April 27, 2018. SCE&G has consented to the requested extension to August 25, 2018, for SolBright to connect its facilities to SCE&G's

system. On March 5, 2018, Wal-Mart Stores East, LP and Sam's East, Inc. filed a letter with the Commission supporting SolBright's request for an extension of time.

S.C. Code Laws § 58-27-840 prohibits an electrical utility from "...granting an unreasonable preference or advantage to any person, corporation, municipality..." ORS recommends the Commission require SCE&G to offer all similarly situated customers, who have qualified for the BCA, an extension until August 25, 2018, to connect their solar facilities with SCE&G's system.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter and please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any concerns regarding the matter above.

Sincerely,



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cc: All Parties of Record (via E-mail)  
Joseph Melchers, Esquire (via E-mail)